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SUMMARY OF ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

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1. CARIBBEAN

2. AT 1118, 22 MARCH, COMMANDANT, 1TH COAST GUARD DISTRICT REPORTED TO COMNAVFOR THAT AN SOS HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM SS FLORIDIAN, AND THAT SHE WAS BEING MACHINE GUNNED BY TWO JET AIRCRAFT. HER POSITION WAS APPROXIMATELY 50 MILES NORTH OF CUBA, VICINITY OF CAY SAL BANK.

FLORIDIAN WAS ENROUTE FROM SAN JUAN TO ANAHE, FLORIDA. SHE REPORTED THAT THE JET AIRCRAFT DIVED THE SHIP AND MADE TWO FIRING RUNS. ROUNDS STRUCK THE WATER LESS THAN 200 YARDS OF THE VESSEL. ATTACKING AIRCRAFT WERE DESCRIBED AS DARK GREEN IN COLOR, WITH SINGLE ENGINE, SWEEP WING AND HIGH SWEEP TAIL. THE SHIP WAS FLYING THE U. S. FLAG FROM HER STAFF AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT, AND REPORTED SHE HAD OBTAINED MOVIES AND STILL PICTURES OF THE AIRCRAFT IN THE ACT OF FIRING.

JCS HAS REQUESTED THAT CINCLANT OBTAIN THE PHOTOS AND MOVIE FILM FROM FLORIDIAN EARLIEST. THEN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO DELIVER THEM TO THE WASHINGTON AREA FOR DEVELOPMENT.

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